

### **Remarks**

Claims 1-16 are pending in the application. Claims 8-12 are allowed, while claims 1-7 and 13-16 are rejected. By this paper, claims 1-7 and 13-16 are canceled.

### **Specification**

By this paper, paragraph 0001 of the specification is amended to update the reference to the parent application, which is now an issued patent.

### **Claim Rejections—35 U.S.C. § 103**

The Examiner rejected claims 1-7 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,806,617 (Yamaguchi) in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,335,429 (Kawakatsu). The Examiner also rejected claims 13-16 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamaguchi in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,484,833 (Chhaya et al.).

By this paper, claims 1-7 and 13-16 are canceled.

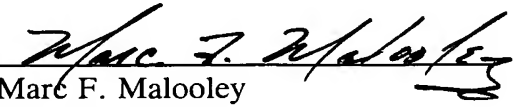
### **Allowable Subject Matter**

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the allowance of claims 8-12, and submit that the case is now in a condition for allowance.

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